

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~March 25th, 1959COCOM Document No. 3469COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONUNITED STATES PROPOSAL TO ADD ITEM 1510 TO THE ITEMS LISTED IN ITEM 1416(e)March 19th, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 549, 1104, 3376, 3379, 3397, 3422, 3442, 3445, 3455, 3458, Sub-C.(58) 3.

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the previous meeting the German and United Kingdom Delegates had undertaken to resubmit to their authorities the United States proposal (COCOM 3455, paragraph 4) concerning the installation of equipment caught by Item 1510 in ships sold to Soviet Bloc.
2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that he would be able to give the final view of his authorities after the Easter recess. It was possible to make a distinction between the installation of such equipment into a new vessel and its removal from a secondhand vessel which already contained such equipment and was being fitted out for sale. In the latter case, they wondered if it was really necessary to remove such equipment before the vessel was handed over. The Delegate said that he would be grateful if the other Members of the Committee would let him know whether their authorities also made this distinction.
3. The DANISH Delegate said that his personal interpretation of the United States proposal was that equipment already installed in a secondhand vessel need not be removed before the vessel was sold to the Bloc. He felt, however, that this point needed some clarification and he asked the United States Delegate to confirm that his interpretation was correct.
4. The UNITED STATES Delegate expressed the view that equipment caught by Item 1510 should be removed from a ship sold to the Soviet Bloc and considered the United States proposal to be consistent with the requirements of Item 1416(e). The only difference was that Item 1416(e) was a categorical prohibition, whereas the new proposal was simply an exhortation.
5. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that he would prefer the text to say that equipment already installed could remain when a secondhand vessel was sold to the Soviet Bloc. He felt that clarification of this point would be to the advantage of Member Countries.
6. The GERMAN Delegate said that his position remained unchanged from that described in COCOM 3455, paragraph 5.
7. The COMMITTEE agreed to hear the further views of the German and United Kingdom Governments on April 9th.

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